

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 20, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DOWNS made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 176.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William W. Wall, of Wilkerson county, State of Mississippi, report:

That John Wall, deceased, was the owner of a tract of land of about twenty arpens front by forty in depth, being section forty-seven, township ten, north range eight, east district north of Red river, Louisiana. That the claim was confirmed by the United States government, on the 29th April, 1816, the confirmation having been founded on a report by the commissioners, on the 9th March, 1813, and that in 1834 the claim was surveyed and located in conformity to the confirmation; that long since the confirmation the government sold a certain portion of said claim; that since further entries were permitted.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office, in answer to inquiries in regard to said claim, says: "On examination I find 800 arpens is entered as B 165, in report from Opelousas of the 9th March, 1813, State papers, vol. 2nd Public Lands, by D. Green, page 644 and 665, and is confirmed by the act of 29th April, 1816, (as dated) Clarke comp. Land Laws, page 699.

"It also appears that a survey of said claim was made and approved in 1836, (see plats A and B,) and that it has been subdivided as public lands and interfering sales made, (see plat C.) Under all the circumstances, I am of opinion that the application to locate is just and reasonable." The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief prayed for, and report a bill accordingly.

